

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 390 - HB 749

February 21, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Board of Examiners in Psychology to certify licensed, doctoral-level psychologists to write prescriptions. Establishes the standards that must be met for certification.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Currently, licensed psychologists do not have prescription authority.
- The Board of Examiners in Psychology will develop applications, modify the current regulatory board computer system, evaluate continuing education requirements, and consider additional complaints as a result of the expanded scope of practice.
- Current Department of Health staff can perform computer modifications and assist the Board with applications and evaluations. Any costs incurred will be not significant and can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- Any rule-making can be accomplished during regularly scheduled Board meetings and will not result in a significant increase in state expenditures.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. As of June 30, 2010, the Board had a balance of \$291,214.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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